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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH STATEMENT TO
PRESS AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING,
AUGUST 17, 1977.

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AGENCE FRANCE
PRESS STORY CARRIED AFTER AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH'S
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ON AUGUST 17.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION: PARIS, AUGUST 17
PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING MET AT THE ELYSEE
PALACE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WITH MR.
GERARD SMITH, AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE AND COUNSELOR OF
PRESIDENT CARTER FOR PROBLEMS OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERA-
TION.

3. AT THE END OF THIS MEETING MR. SMITH DECLARED: "WE
HAD WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING, A PRIVATE EX-
CHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR NON-
PROLIFERATION." HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT CARRY A
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING.

4. MR. SMITH SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT FRANCE WAS
COOPERATING FULLY WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIELD
OF NON-PROLIFERATION. THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT
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CARTER INDICATED THAT DURING THE MEETING THE QUESTION
OF AN "INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION PROGRAM" HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED. THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE U.S.
PRESIDENT DURING THE SUMMIT MEETING OF BIG INDUSTRIAL
POWERS HELD IN LONDON THE 7TH AND 8TH OF MAY THIS YEAR.

5. MR. CARTER HAD PROPOSED TO HIS WESTERN PARTNERS

HAVING A "NUCLEAR CAPABILITY" TO MEET TO PROCEED WITH
AN EVALUATION OF NUCLEAR RISKS AND A STUDY OF TECHNICAL
MEANS TO REDUCE THESE RISKS, THROUGH ADOPTION OF A SORT
OF NUCLEAR "CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT."

6. FRANCE, ON AUGUST 4, AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
EVALUATION PROGRAM" ON THE CONDITION THAT
"OTHER COUNTRIES" BESIDES WESTERN NATIONS - AND FRANCE
WAS ALLUDING TO PARTICIPATION BY THE SOVIET UNION -
ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY.

7. THE MEETING OF MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING AND THE SPECIAL
ENVOY OF PRESIDENT CARTER, CONSTITUTED TODAY THE FIRST
FRANCO-AMERICAN MEETING ON THE PROBLEMS OF NON-
PROLIFERATION SINCE FRANCE'S DECISION TO RESPOND
FAVORABLY TO THE CARTER PROPOSITION. END TRANSLATION.
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